Danish Development Agency Assistance for development of Wind Energy

4348. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that DANIDA. (Danish Development Agency) has earmarked a loan of US $ 50 million for development of wind energy in India as a part of World Bank Scheme, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a test centre for wind energy turbine is being set-up under this project; and

(c) whether any time schedule has been laid down for implementation of various components of this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) DANIDA are appraising a proposal for providing assistance equivalent to US $ 50 million under mixed credit for co-financing the wind farm component of the World Bank GETF Renewable Resources Development Project. The Danish assistance has, however, not been committed so far.

(b) and (c) A Wind Energy Centre and Test Station are proposed to be established by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources during the 8th Plan for which partial assistance is likely to be sought from UNDP and DANIDA. The details of the proposal have not so far been worked out.

Setting Up Joint Ventures to lap Non Coaventional Energy Sources

4349. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign countries have shown interest in setting up joint ventures in the field of non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign countries who have shown interest in these projects;

(c) the details of the proposal received from foreign countries in this matter; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) USA, Denmark, France, UK & Israel.

(c) and (d) Interest has been expressed by manufacturers, technology experts, NRI's etc. for establishing joint ventures and projects in the areas of wind power, solar energy, cogeneration, tidal energy, rechargeable storage battery etc, including Cannon Power Corpn., AV Financial Corpn., Sea Solar Power Inc. Corporated. United Solar Systems Corpn., Siemens Solar Industries, Research and Development Laboratory of USA, M/s. Vestas & Micon of Denmark, Solel Solar Systems of Israel, Electricity De France of France etc. The Business Missions from these countries are visiting India to discuss with India industries in this connection. However, no specific proposal has so far been received.

Action Plan for 2000 MW Non-conventional Energy Capacity

4350. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn out an action plan for creating additional 2000 MW non-conventional energy capacity during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and the annual targets fixed there-under?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAl ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIO NAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources have prepared a new 'Strategy & Action Plan' which aims at achieving considerably higher targets than those originally envisaged in the Eighth Plan, by mobilising institutional finance and private entrepreneurship, in addition to budgetary provisions. The new plan aims at generation of 1655—1955 MW of power through wind, small hydro, bio-energy and solar energy sources as against about 600 MW envisaged earlier in the Eighth Plan. The implementation of the envisaged programme will, however, depend on

the mobilisation of financial resources Mid other relevant inputs.

The annual targets are finalised on year to year basis. Approved physical targets lor various non-conventional power generation programme for the year 1993-94. as originally envisaged, is given in the Statement.

Statement

Physical Targets for NRSE Power Generation Programmes for Annual Plan, 1993-94

1. Solar Photovoltaic Programme	
(a) SPVs Street Lighting Systems	400 Nos.
(b) SPV Domestic Lighting System	1000 Nos.
(c) Protable lights	10000 Nos.
(d) SPV Power Plants	200 KW
(e) Other SPV systems	300 Nos.
2. Wind Energy Programme	
(a) Wind Pumps	500 Nos.
(b) Wind Battery Chargers	50 Nos.
(c) Wind Farms	6 MW
3. Bio-energy Development Programme	
(a) Gasifiers/Stirling Engines	1 MW
(b) Biomass Based Cogeneration of Power	6 MW
4. Small Hydro Power Development Programme	10 MW
5. Solar Photovoltaic Pumping Systems for Irrigation	1000 Nos.

Including all the National Languages In the Eighth Schedule

©4351. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what concrete steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to make all the national languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the constitution, the medium in the recruitment examinations for jobs in State and Central Government and in all types of competitions and interviews and to abolish English as a compulsory language:

(b) what are the reasons for lack of willpower in the Government despite two resolutions passed by Parliament in this direction; and

(c) by when Government propose to take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC-GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) A decision on the language policy for recruitment examinations for jobs in the State Governments has to be taken by the respective State Governments. As for the jobs in the Central Government, UPSC had set-up a Committee of experts under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satish Chandra to go into the question of the language policy for UPSC examinations and the question of continuance or otherwise of the compulsory paper in English. The Government is yet to take a decision on the recommendations of the Committee.

Appointment of Ombudsman/Lok Pal at the National Level

@®4552. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to appoint Ombudsman/Lok Pal at the national level

(b) if so, whether the office of Prime Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha and the Chairman/Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha would be brought under the jurisdiction of the above Ombudsmen/Lok Pal; and

(c) what will be the salient features of the proposed legislation regarding appointment of Ombudsmen/Lok Pal and by when it is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Question of appointment of Ombudsman/Lok Pal at the national level by bringing in suitable legislation is receiving Government's **- attention.

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